

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I feel I should have a hearing test made before purchasing a hearing aid. I do not think the FDA should pay for it.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I have used a hearing specialist but I don't think they can give a true hearing test.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

I do not think the FDA should decide on my medical exams or treatment.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

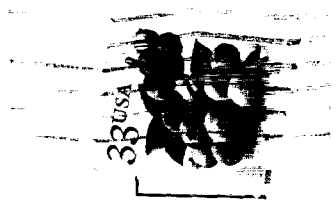
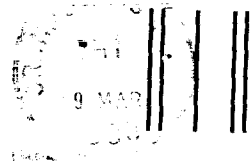
Yes, I have purchased a hearing aid by mail and it works fine.

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